

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of managing an incoming call on a cell phone, comprising:
receiving notification of the incoming call on a data processing device;
retrieving information associated with the incoming call; and
enabling a user to manage the incoming call by selecting an appropriate response.
2. The method according to Claim 1 wherein retrieving the information associated with the incoming call further comprises at least one of:
retrieving the information from the cell phone;
retrieving the information from the data processing device; and
retrieving the information from a source coupled to the data processing device.
3. The method according to Claim 1 wherein enabling the user to manage the incoming call further comprises one of:
enabling the user to configure a personal computer to automatically select the appropriate response; and
enabling the user to actively select the appropriate response.
4. The method according to Claim 3 wherein the appropriate response includes at least one of forwarding the incoming call, requesting a sender of the incoming call to send an instant message and responding to the incoming call with a voicemail message.
5. The method according to Claim 4 wherein responding to the incoming call with the voicemail message further comprises selecting one of a plurality of voicemail messages as the appropriate response.
6. The method according to Claim 1 wherein receiving the incoming call further comprises receiving a signal from the cell phone indicating the incoming call.

7. The method according to Claim 6 wherein the signal is an Attention Command (“AT”) signal.
8. An article comprising a machine-accessible medium having stored thereon instructions that, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to manage an incoming call on a cell phone coupled to the machine by:
 - receiving notification of the incoming call on the machine;
 - retrieving information associated with the incoming call; and
 - enabling a user to manage the incoming call by selecting an appropriate response.
9. The article according to Claim 8 wherein the instructions, when executed by the machine, further cause the machine to retrieve the information associated with the incoming call by:
 - retrieving the information from the cell phone;
 - retrieving the information from the data processing device; and
 - retrieving the information from a source coupled to the data processing device.
10. The article according to Claim 8 wherein the instructions, when executed by the machine, further cause the machine to manage the incoming call by:
 - enabling the user to configure a personal computer to automatically select the appropriate response; and
 - enabling the user to actively select the appropriate response.
11. The article according to Claim 10 wherein the instructions, when executed by the machine, further cause the machine to manage the incoming call by at least one of forwarding the incoming call, requesting a sender of the incoming call to send an instant message and responding to the incoming call with a voicemail message.

12. The article according to Claim 11 wherein the instructions, when executed by the machine, further cause the machine to enable selection of one of a plurality of voicemail messages as the appropriate response.
13. The article according to Claim 8 wherein the instructions, when executed by the machine, further cause the machine to receive a signal from the cell phone indicating the incoming call.
14. The article according to Claim 13 wherein the signal is an Attention Command ("AT") signal.
15. A data processing device for managing an incoming call on a cell phone, comprising:
 - a receiving module capable of receiving notification of the incoming call;
 - a processing module capable of retrieving information associated with the incoming call; and
 - a response module capable of enabling a user to manage the incoming call by selecting an appropriate response.
16. The data processing device according to Claim 15 wherein the processing module retrieves the information associated with the incoming call from at least one of the cell phone, the data processing device and a source coupled to the data processing device.
17. The data processing device according to Claim 15 wherein the response module enables the user to manage the incoming call by at least one of:
 - enabling the user to configure the data processing device to automatically select the appropriate response; and
 - enabling the user to actively select the appropriate response.
18. The data processing device according to Claim 17 wherein the response module enables the user to manage the incoming call by at least one of forwarding the

- incoming call, requesting a sender of the incoming call to send an instant message and responding to the incoming call with a voicemail message.
19. The data processing device according to Claim 18 wherein the response module enables the user to respond to the incoming call with the voicemail message by selecting one of a plurality of voicemail messages as the appropriate response.
20. The data processing device according to Claim 15 wherein the receiving module further receives a signal from the cell phone indicating the incoming call.
21. The data processing device according to Claim 20 wherein the signal is an Attention Command ("AT") signal.
22. A system for managing an incoming call on a cell phone, comprising:
a data processing device capable of receiving notification of the incoming call;
an application coupled to the data processing device, the application capable of retrieving information associated with the incoming call, the application further capable of enabling a user to manage the incoming call by selecting an appropriate response.
23. The system according to Claim 22 wherein the application is capable of retrieving the information associated with the incoming call from at least one of the cell phone, a source on the data processing device and a source coupled to the data processing device.
24. The system according to Claim 22 wherein the application is further capable of enabling the user to manage the incoming call by at least one of:
enabling the user to configure the data processing device to automatically select the appropriate response; and
enabling the user to actively select the appropriate response.

25. The system according to Claim 24 wherein the application is further capable of enabling the user to manage the incoming call by at least one of forwarding the incoming call, requesting a sender of the incoming call to send an instant message and responding to the incoming call with a voicemail message.
26. The system according to Claim 25 wherein the application is further capable of responding to the incoming call with the voicemail message by selecting one of a plurality of voicemail messages as the appropriate response.
27. The system according to Claim 22 wherein the application is further capable of receiving a signal from the cell phone indicating the incoming call.
28. The system according to Claim 27 wherein the signal is an Attention Command (“AT”) signal.